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REF USAFE MSG 091401Z JUNE 77
WE DELIVERED REFTEL TO NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (NIS)
ON 10 JUNE. RESPONSE FROM NIS IS QUOTED BELOW:

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: SLICE XXIII/9 - AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES -
AVIANO.

REFS: (1) HQ USAFE MSG 091401Z JUNE 77; (2) ADVANCE
COPY OF STAFF REPORT ON SUBJECT PROJECT, DATED 19 APRIL
1977; (3) AC/4(PP)D/10179, 24 JULY 1973

1. A COPY OF REF 1 HAS REACHED THIS HEADQUARTERS AND
THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

A. ITEM 3 - TAXITRACKS. AS WAS STATED IN REF 2 THE
STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED PRECISELY (EXCEPT POSSIBLY
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FOR 0.5 CM ABOUT WHICH THE STAFF WOULD NOT ARGUE) THE
SAME CONSTRUCTION OF OVERLAY AS THAT CHOSEN AND LAID
(SEE REF 3) BY THE UNITED STATES AT AVIANO ON, AS FAR
AS THE STAFF IS AWARE, SIMILAR BUT SLIGHTLY THINNER
EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT OF SAME AGE AND PLANNED USE
WITH NO EVIDENT FAILURE OR RUTTING. THE STAFF REQUIRE,
AND IT IS FOR THE HOST NATION TO SPECIFY AND ENSURE THAT

SHE GETS, MARSHALL QUALITY BITUMINOUS CONCRETE. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO ALLOW AN EXTRA THICKNESS IN ANTICIPATION THAT SPECIFICATIONS MAY NOT BE MET WHERE IN FACT THE CONSTRUCTION ENVISAGED HAS SOME 2-4 YEARS AGO ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFULLY AND SATISFACTORILY LAID.

- IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE 10 PLUS 10 EQUALS TWENTY CENTIMETERS CONSTRUCTION PROPOSED BY USAFE WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE ON UNIT RATE, QUITE APART FROM ADDITIONAL COSTS OF RAMPING DOWN, ETC., THAN THE 12.5 CM THICK BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PROPOSED AS AN ALTERNATIVE. IF THE POINT NOW RAISED IS INDEED ONE OF REAL DISSENSION THEN TENDERS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT ONLY.

B. ITEM 4A - PARKING APRON. AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BEST/COPPOLA THE STAFF REMARK, CONCERNING SHELTER SITING TO ALLOW AN UNINTERRUPTED FIRE FUNNEL NOT BEING ACCEPTABLE, IS WITHDRAWN. THIS FOLLOWED REALIZATION BY THE WRITER THAT SUCH FUNNELS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED ELSEWHERE. AT THE SAME TIME HOWEVER IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT, EVEN ALLOWING FOR FIRE FUNNELS, ALL THE ADDITIONAL APRON PAVEMENT REQUESTED COULD IN FACT BE JUSTIFIED. INDEED THE DRAWINGS SUBMITTED DID NOT INDICATE FIRE FUNNELS AND A REVISED DRAWING IS AWAITED SHOWING SUCH FUNNELS AND HOW MUCH APRON PAVEMENT IS NOW PROPOSED. REFERENCE C OF REFERENCE 1 APPEARS POSSIBLY TO INDICATE WHAT IS NOW REQUIRED AND THE STAFF CAN MAKE KNOWN THE EXTENT OF ITS SUPPORT WHEN DETAILS ARE RECEIVED.
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C. ITEM 8 - AIRFIELD LIGHTING. THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE REMOTE CONTROL CABLE AND ADDITIONAL REGULATOR ARE NOTED AND PRESUMABLY THE HOST NATION WILL INCLUDE BOTH WHEN SUBMITTING DETAILS FOR AGREEMENT PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION AS STATED IN REF 2. DETAILS UNDER 30B ARE ALSO SIMILARLY AWAITED.

D. ITEM 9 - ELECTRICAL STANDBY. ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT TO ELECTRICAL STANDBY POWER WAS NOTIFIED BY SHAPE AS BEING AGREED IN THE DOCUMENT QUOTED, THAT POSITION WAS LATER SUSPENDED PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER AT A MEETING OF USAFE, SHAPE AND NIS REPRESENTATIVES AT SHAPE ON 11 JANUARY 1975. THE STAFF UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PARTICULAR MATTER IS THAT SHAPE AWAITS RECEIPT OF FURTHER INFORMATION/JUSTIFICATION FROM USAFE. IT WOULD NO DOUBT BE HELPFUL IF SHAPE COULD RESPOND ON THIS ITEM.

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